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Subject: Assessment Management System Transition Timelines

To the ESC and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of important timelines related to the assessment management system transition to Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI) and NCS Pearson, Inc. as the vendor team to support the scoring and reporting for the Texas Assessment Program beginning September 1, 2021.

ETS (Educational Testing Service) and Pearson will continue their respective work under their existing contracts through the completion of the spring and summer 2021 administrations, concluding their work on August 31, 2021.

ETS Assessment Management System Timelines

As a part of the contract transition, ETS will be providing all necessary STAAR, STAAR Alternate 2, Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), and TELPAS Alternate score data to CAI. Any districts that would like to retain copies of their individual district results for STAAR should download those results from the *Reports > Results* in the ETS <u>Assessment Management System</u> prior to August 31, 2021.

District correction requests, score code and language changes, rescores, resolutions, and any scoring investigations for STAAR must be submitted to the ETS Support Center by July 31, 2021, in order to be updated and reflected in the ETS <u>Assessment Management System</u> and the Family Portal prior to the change in vendors. District correction requests include changes to student identification information, Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) ID, and County-District-Campus codes.

Pearson Assessment Management System Timelines

Any districts that would like to retain copies of their individual district results for STAAR Alternate 2 should download those results from the *Reports > Published Reports* in the Pearson <u>Assessment Management System</u> prior to August 31, 2021. Any districts that would like to retain copies of their individual district results for TELPAS and TELPAS Alternate should download those results from the *Reports > Published Reports* in the Pearson <u>Assessment Management System</u> prior to September 30, 2021. For step-by-step instructions on accessing individual district results, click <u>here</u>.

After the close of score code change windows, districts will be able to access score reports but will no longer have access to other activities in the Pearson system, including score code changes and TELPAS speaking rescore requests. The deadlines to make score code changes and TELPAS speaking rescore requests are

STAAR Alternate 2: June 4, 2021
TELPAS Alternate: July 9, 2021

• TELPAS: July 23, 2021

After these dates, districts will be able to access score reports in the Pearson <u>Assessment Management</u> <u>System</u> until the following dates:

• STAAR Alternate 2: August 31, 2021

• TELPAS and TELPAS Alternate: September 30, 2021

Any corrections requested by the district after the August 31, 2021 date for STAAR, STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS or TELPAS Alternate will be updated by CAI once the system is available.

CAI Assessment Management System Timeline

From **July 11–August 31**, educators should visit tx.portal.cambiumast.com to find the following resources as they are available:

- Access to all components of the testing system
- Accommodation resources
- Assessment resources for educators and administrators
- Test administration manuals

On **September 1**, all resources will be located on the newly designed <u>www.TexasAssessment.gov</u>.

If you have questions about this correspondence, please contact the Assessment Scoring and Reporting team within Performance Reporting at (512) 463-9704 or assessment.reporting@tea.texas.gov.

Thank you.



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